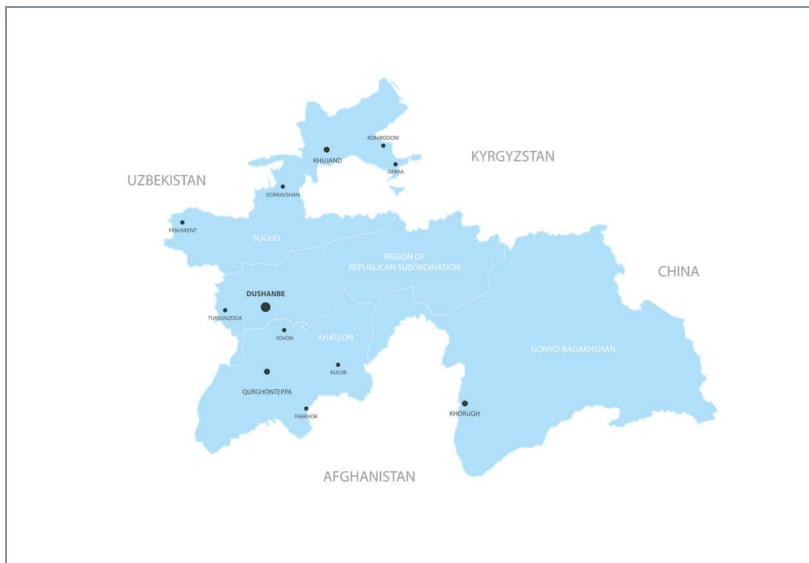




Tajikistan 2024

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→ 73 funding recipients from Tajikistan (2023)
← 26 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

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Current trends in academic exchange

The Tajik higher education system is centrally controlled by various government bodies. Educational standards are set by the Ministry of Education. Since October 2022, the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) and the World Bank (WB) have been working to improve the quality and learning environment of selected general secondary education schools. This should also lead to better access to higher education. The project period is scheduled to last until 2028. The higher education sector currently has 46 higher education institutions and 218,000 students (source: Stat.tj).

The majority of universities are located in the capital, Dushanbe. Important research universities in Tajikistan include the *Tajik National University*, *Tajik State Medical University*, *Tajik State Pedagogical University*, *Russian-Tajik Slavonic University* and *Tajik Technical University*. The *National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan* is also an important partner in bilateral and multilateral water research, including in BMBF-funded R&D projects. In the national 2030 SDG strategy of Tajikistan from 2016, the goal is set for the area of 'Education and Science' that

research on biodiversity, adaptation to climate change and resilience of mountain ecosystems in particular should be intensified. According to the HRK University Compass, the number of German university partnerships with Tajikistan has been in single digits for years, currently at five.

Tajikistan has been in the international news a lot in recent months, mainly for the negative reasons, because the terrorist attack in the Moscow area at the Crocus City Hall on 22 March 2024 was carried out by mainly Tajik IS supporters. Since then, entry and working conditions in the Russian Federation have become much more difficult not only for Tajik nationals, but also for nationals of other Central Asian states, regardless of age and status.

DAAD Activities

In 1997, the DAAD sent the first DAAD lecturer to Dushanbe. There was an information centre between 2004 and 2019. The DAAD is planning to open a regional office in Bishkek in early 2025.

Since the 2019/20 academic year, the DAAD has been represented in Tajikistan by a regular Lecturer at the Russian-Tajik Slavonic University.

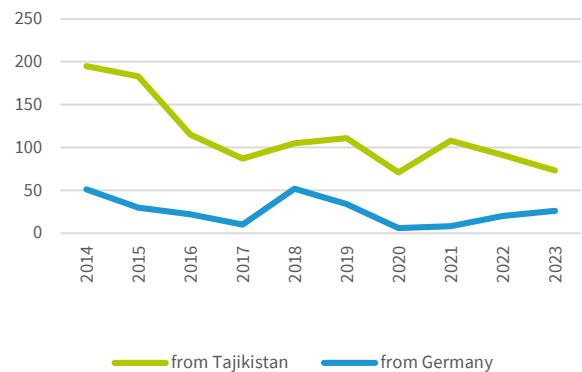
Among the existing higher education partnerships, there are mainly multilateral links in Central Asia. Important funding programmes are therefore EU funding programmes. The German Academic Exchange Service

(DAAD) has been funding the German-language degree programme 'Culture and Media' at the University of Dresden at the Russian-Tajik Slavonic University (RTSU) in Dushanbe since 2019, using funds from the Federal Foreign Office.

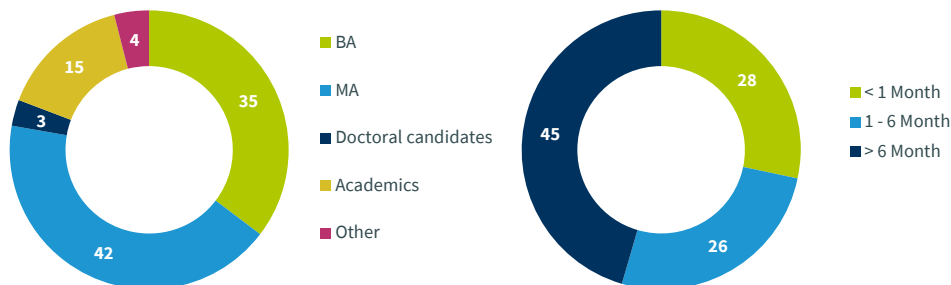
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients 2023

| Individual funding | Tajikistan | Germany |
|---|------------|---------|
| Scholarships for graduates of German schools abroad (PASCH schools) | 10 | - |
| Study Scholarships for foreign graduates and artists | 6 | - |
| 'Go East' mobility funding Scholarships | - | 21 |
| Project funding | Tajikistan | Germany |
| German-language degree programmes (DSG); specialised courses in CEE | 37 | - |
| Integra - Integration of refugees into specialised studies | 3 | - |
| EU | Tajikistan | Germany |
| ERASMUS mobility grants | - | - |

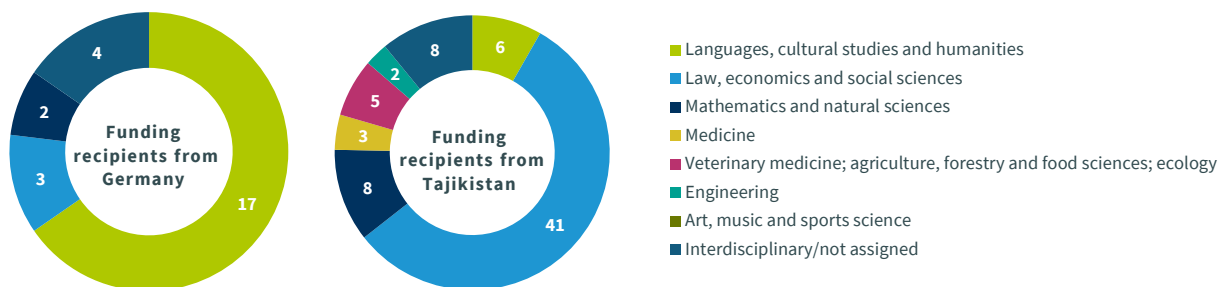
DAAD funding recipients Tajikistan, 2014-2023 (excl. EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 by academic status and funding period (incl. EU mobility grants)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023



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